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**FIRST 'GET YOURSELF TESTED' CLINIC TO BE HOSTED AT POSITIVE AVENUES**

**Eau Claire, WI-September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015-** The [Eau Claire City-County Health Department Family Planning Clinic](#) will be hosting their first ever Get Yourself Tested (GYT) clinic today at Positive Avenues in Eau Claire to contribute to their efforts to raise awareness about the larger prevalence of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in Eau Claire County and how to prevent them.



"As rates of both chlamydia and gonorrhea rise in Eau Claire County, our Health Department chose to participate in the nationwide Get Yourself Tested campaign to help raise awareness of the prevalence of STIs in our community and how to prevent them." says Paulette Magur, Nursing Supervisor of the Family Planning Clinic.

In Eau Claire County, Chlamydia cases are the highest of all the reportable communicable diseases—even more than Lyme disease. **Just last year there were 383 reported cases of Chlamydia in our county!** The chart below displays the number of cases that were reported to the Health Department over the last five years.

Total Cases Reported to the Eau Claire City-County Health Department plus the Number Investigated (2010-2014)					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Chlamydia	370	408	332	358	383
Gonorrhea	14	4	16	29	38

The GYT campaign is a yearlong effort for the Health Department. Efforts began before St. Patrick's Day with a partnership between the Family Planning Clinic and the AIDs Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) in which the organizations provided bags to local bars for clients that contained condoms, information on STIs in our community, testing options and information on each of the organizations. The organization has continued their efforts by working on various outreach efforts throughout the year and now their GYT clinics at Positive Avenues. Going forward, the clinic will continue to look to partner with community organizations to reach the populations at highest risk of getting an STI in our community.

The [Eau Claire City-County Health Department Family Planning Clinic](#) offers STI testing and treatment. The clinic also provides clients with a variety of birth control options and pregnancy testing for no or low cost. For more information, please visit [www.echealthdepartment.org](http://www.echealthdepartment.org) or call 715-839-6988 to make an appointment. To learn more about STIs, please visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/std/sam/>.

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